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SUMMARY: IN MEETING REQUESTED BY GOG WITH TOP STAFF OF AIR
GUINEE, DIMENSIONS OF GUINEAN GOVERNMENT CIVAIR PLANS AND
THINKING BEHIND INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF BOEING AIRCRAFT
BECAME CLEARER. END SUMMARY.

1. PLANS FOR CIVAIR EXPANSION IN GUINEA APPEAR NOT TO BE IN
FINAL FORM AT THIS STAGE BUT INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF AT LEAST
TWO SMALL NEW AIRPORTS (ONE IN THE TRIANGLE FORMED BY THE
SENEGALESE AND GUINEA BISSAU BORDERS WITH GUINEA AND ONE NEAR
MALI), EXPANSION OF THE PAVEMENT AND TERMINALS AT
B'BESSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CONAKRY), EXPANSION OF
EXISTING AIRPORTS IN INTERIOR AND UPGRADING OF AVIONICS AND
TERMINALS AT ALL GUINEAN AIRPORTS BUT CONCENTRATING ON
G'BESSIA. GUINEAN OFFICIALS SEEM RECEPTIVE TO POSSIBILITY
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OF VISITSBY FAA AND/OR U.S. FIRMS IN FORMULATING PLANS.

2. IN DISCUSSING PLANS FOR BOEING PURCHASE AIR GUINEE
STAFF NOTED:
A) THEY WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH BOEING ON
PURCHASE OF 737 SOONEST;
B) THEY ARE INTERESTED IN QUICK-CHANGE TYPE AIRCRAFT AND;

C) THEY PLAN TO USE 737 IN SEVERAL REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL ROUTES. THE QUICK-CHANGE ELEMENT IN REQUEST RESULTS FROM NECESSITY TO CONVERT CRAFT FROM FREIGHT TO PASSENGER, SEMI-FREIGHT/SEMI-PASSENGER USE OR VIP USE (FOR CHIEF OF STATE). AIR GUINEE IS THINKING OF FLIGHTS TO BANJUL, FREETOWN, MONROVIA, BAMAKO AND POSSIBLY LAGOS ON A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BASIS. USES FOR 707 INCLUDE SCHEDULED FLIGHTS TO PARIS OR OTHER EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS. (COMMENT: WE ESTIMATE THAT NON-GUINEAN GOVERNMENT MARKET FOR CONAKRY-PARIS DOES NOT EXCEED 40 PER WEEK EACH WAY EXCEPT IN OCCASIONAL PEAK PERIODS. TRAFFIC IS GROWING SLOWLY.) ALTHOUGH AIR GUINEE NOT CAPABLE OF SOPHISTICATED MARKET OR ROUTE ANALYSIS, THEY HAVE GIVEN THOUGHT TO NECESSITY OF FURTHER STUDY BEFORE PLUNGING ONWARD.

3. AIR GUINEE ALSO SPOKE OF RETRAINING GROUND SUPPORT PERSONNEL, TICKET AND CLERICAL PERSONNEL, AND FLIGHT CREWS. ALTHOUGH AIR GUINEE WAS CAREFUL TO USE TERM "RETRAINING" IT WAS EVIDENT THAT DIMENSIONS OF PERSONNEL PROBLEM HAVE NOT ESCAPED NOTICE.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT ONE OF LARGER INTERNATIONAL CLASS AIRLINES WOULD HAVE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS AT LEAST TO TRAIN PERSONNEL INITIALLY. HOWEVER, GUINEANS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COME TO THIS CONCLUSION THEMSELVES RATHER THAN BEING PUSHED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOO HARD AT OUTSET.

5. FOR MONROVIA: EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED MEETING WITH DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION TO LAY GROUND FOR EVENTUAL FAA VISIT. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION FIRST FROM FAA/MONROVIA THAT SUCH VISIT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE.

6. FOR PARIS: PLEASE CONTACT BOEING/PARIS REP (ADDRESS: J.E. FITZGERALD, VICE PRESIDENT, BOEING INTERNATIONAL CORP, 1717 AVENUE MATIGNON, PARIS 75008, TEL: 359-1238, TELEX: BOPAR 290091F) AND PASS ON INFO IN PARAS 2, 3, AND

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